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SUBJ: TURKISH FONMIN TO ADDRESS PARLIAMENT JUNE 12;
RPP TO BOYCOTT

1. FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL WILL SPEAK TO A COMBINED SESSION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND SENATE THURSDAY, JUNE 12, ON RECENT FOREIGN POLICY DEVELOPMENTS. HIS SPEECH WILL BE CONSIDERED A NON-AGENDA ITEM, AND THUS FULL DEBATE IS NOT ALLOWED. HOWEVER, THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY'S CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY HAS DECIDED TO WAIVE THE NORMAL TEN-MINUTE TIME LIMIT FOR THE SPEECH AND FOR RESPONSES BY PARTY SPOKESMEN.

2. OPPOSITION REPUBLICAN PEOPLES' PARTY (RPP) ASSEMBLY GROUP DEPUTY CHAIRMAN NECDET UGUR ANNOUNCED JUNE 10 THAT RPP WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE UNDER THOSE GROUND RULES. "THE EXTERNAL PROBLEMS THE COUNTRY FACES ARE TOO BIG. THEY HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED IN GENERAL DEBATE." THE SAME DAY, RPP
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CHAIRMAN ECEVIT, COMMENTING TO HIS PARTY'S PARLIAMENTARY

GROUP ON THE PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL'S RECENT FOREIGN POLICY BRIEFING FOR OPPOSITION LEADERS, SAID THE BRIEFING WAS "DISTURBING" BUT REFUSED TO COMMENT ON SPECIFICS UNTIL AFTER HE HEARD WHAT WAS MADE PUBLIC IN THE FONMIN'S SPEECH THURSDAY AND PRIMIN'S FOREIGN POLICY PRESS CONFERENCE THIS WEEKEND. "IT APPEARS THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WANTS TO CONSIDER AS DEBATES THE POSSIBILITY FOR (PARTY) GROUPS TO TALK AFTER (THE FONMIN'S) NON-AGENDA SPEECH IN PARLIAMENT. IN OUR OPINION, OUR FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS ARE AT TOO GRAVE A STAGE FOR THEM TO BE PASSED OFF WITH SPEECHES BY THE GROUPS FOLLOWING A NON-AGENDA STATEMENT," HE SAID.
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